

HIBISCUS SHOW CASE

The committee appointed by the president to work with the Gulf American Land Corporation met at Cape Coral on Sunday, July 12th.

The gardens that Gulf American is planting, promises to be a major attraction in Florida. They have transplanted hundreds of large palms to line the boulevard leading to the gardens, a distance of several miles. This boulevard has a central parkway planted with roses. The roses are not all in yet, but it is understood that some 50,000 will be planted there.

In this same parkway will be planted about 5,000 large hibiscus. The parkway leads to several formal, and informal gardens, one of these gardens will be planted with hibiscus and will be known as "Hibiscus Show Case", with some 8,000 to 10,000 good hybrid varieties. It will truly be a show case for all to see hibiscus in their splendor.

The committee has made two suggestions to Mr. Lappala of Gulf American Land Corporation which has his full support. First, at the entrance to the gardens is suggested a planting of a large group of the new "John F. Kennedy" hibiscus. There will also be a bronze bust of Kennedy in this garden. Second, that a section of the garden be known as "Memory Garden." In this plot to be planted only those hibiscus that have been named for men and women who were members of the AHS and worked to advance hibiscus in Florida and other tropical areas. The plants in this garden to be donated by chapters and members as our contribution to the project. These plants are to be planted in groups of 10 to 15 plants of the same variety.

If any chapter or member has a favorite they would like to donate they should notify the chairman of the committee, Mr. D. U. Donaldson, P. O. Box 1084, Vero Beach, Florida so that there will be no duplicate donations.

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Some of the older varieties are in short supply, they will be difficult to obtain, so it may be several years in completing this task. It will be a tough challenge. Following is a list of suggested plants to be included in this "Memory Garden." If you know of a variety that has been omitted please drop Mr. Donaldson a note. If you have one of these on the list that is not available generally but you don't want to propagate the 10 or 15 plants please donate the wood to some other person that would do the job. Please let Mr. Donaldson know that you have the wood available so that he can pass the information on.

The "Memory Garden" will be a living memory the AHS can well be proud of.

It is suggested that you take a trip to Cape Coral to see for yourself the fabulous things they are doing there.

The list of "Memory Gardens" plantings suggested are:

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| ✓ Mrs. Tom Hudson | ✓ Ruth Stuart Allen |
| ✓ L. K. Thompson | — Norman Reasoner |
| ✓ Jim Hendry | — Mrs. James Hendry |
| ✓ Lynn Dewey | ✓ Isabelle Barling |
| ✓ Atwood Teagle | ✓ John A. Johnson |
| ✓ Mrs. Johnson | — Helen Johnson |
| ✓ Billie Calais | ✓ Bruce Parnell |
| ✓ Martha Olive Parnell | ✓ Mrs. Charles James |
| ✓ Charles James Jr. | ✓ Dora McGee |
| ✓ Wynn Doxsee | ✓ John Tipton |
| — Mrs. Owen Craig | ✓ Josephine Tipton |
| ✓ Harry Goulding | ✓ Daisy Entwistle |
| ✓ Hatabel Hyer | — Eunice Taft |
| — Alex Barthle | |

Ralph Philo and Eunice Taft were appointed to work with Mr. Lappala since they were in the area and easy to reach. L. K. Thompson and Eric Golby were picked to work on the Memory Garden with Mr. Lappala.